

Introduction to Firearms and Toolmarks
Section 201201

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Introduction: Welcome to the online Introduction to Firearms and Toolmarks course. We hope that you enjoy this course. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will try to answer you as soon as possible; however, email and phone messages are not checked over the weekends.

Course Information: The Introduction to Firearms and Toolmarks course has an average time of completion at 26 hours. This is a sufficient amount of time to complete the course, but if you need additional time you have until **June 30, 2012**. This online course is being offered as an introductory level course to the basic principles of firearms and toolmarks. The units within this course will cover a brief history of firearm identification, a thorough understanding of the principles behind toolmark analysis, and the laboratory testing techniques among other topics.

Course Description: This online course is being offered as an introductory level course designed to give the student a basic understanding of firearm and toolmark identification. The units found within this course will cover the history of firearm and ammunition development, classification of firearms and ammunition components, test firing, proper methods of evidence collection, laboratory testing, microscopic identification, and much more. There is also a printable version of the course, found in the course library.

Assessments/Activities: This course has the following assessments: Pretest, 13 Quizzes, Course Evaluation, and Post Test. The assessments follow a release schedule based on what you have previously completed. You must take the Pretest before the Quizzes become available. You must finish all Quizzes before the Course Evaluation will become available. All of the previously mentioned assessments must be completed before the Post Test is available. **Note:** *Some assessments are only partially graded when submitted. Please allow time for them to be fully graded by the instructor.*

Discussion Posts: Please take a moment to introduce yourself. Let us and your fellow class members know more about what you do. You can click on the Discussion Area on the Course Tools. Also, if you feel that a topic yields to a discussion, please feel free to use the Discussion Area. While discussions topics are not graded, it is strongly encouraged that each student participate in the discussions.

Discussion postings will be geared toward professional experiences. It is okay to disagree with someone, however, please chose your words and responses carefully as to not hinder someone's learning experience. The discussion postings are simply to allow you to interact and see things from another person's perspective. Being respectful, non-judgmental, and open minded are the most important tools for this course.

Grades: You must have a grade of 80% or better in all assessments (quizzes and post test) and Discussion Posts in order to pass the course. Once all assessments (pre-test, quizzes, post test) and course evaluation are complete, you will receive a certificate of completion in the mail.

Course Work Check List: This list includes everything that needs to be completed in order to receive your certificate of completion.

NBC Archives On Demand – Students also have access to NBC Archives On Demand, a database that provides a wide selection of videos and images from current and past news stories. Included in the collection are segments that relate to firearms examination. To view content, students will need to:

- 1) Create an NBC standalone account by going to www.highered.nbclearn.com
- 2) Click on the Register Now button located on the top right of the page
- 3) Enter registration code: **XVFGHJ78KL**
- 4) Enter registration information (email address and create a password)
- 5) Access videos through the in-course link or by visiting the nbclearn website
- 6) If the video link only provides a 15 second preview, the user needs to sign in using their email address and password

Complete	Assessment
	Pre-Test
	Quiz 1
	Quiz 2
	Quiz 3
	Quiz 4
	Quiz 5
	Quiz 6
	Quiz 7
	Quiz 8
	Quiz 9
	Quiz 10
	Quiz 11
	Quiz 12
	Quiz 13
	Course Evaluation
	Post Test

(An 80% or higher is needed for all assessments)

Policies: We monitor each student's progress once registered and if the course is not accessed (nor completed) within the semester then the **\$30 no-access/no-completion fee** will be charged to you. If penalty fees are unpaid, students may be ineligible to register for future FSI courses (online and onsite).

West Virginia University, in conjunction with the National Institute of Justice, is pleased to present these learning materials and this course to you.

